WITH THE RAMBLES Odd Nooks And Crannies About The

to examine the with Cottage hill and its few venerable look for such a place and the one he The married women of the neighbor- at the foot of Quarry hill various ways which men and horses with scrapers 1872, the Rambler found this: green fields of the houses, and some new ones, rising on found was in a quarter of Washington hood cook, wash, scrub and group them- lead through the Zoo grounds along were cutting away the clay the Ram-Anacostia river. the north. Graceland cemetery, now a generally unattractive to the more pros- selves on the doorsteps, or about the the Rock creek, or the easterly side. bler stood near the abandoned house. Vations under my charge, except the tended arm. He is looking to the right. emerald growth between fields and some houses, and comes promptly to mind that those per- when they have not been done. The and by the paddock of the weather boarding had been which was substituted for white wash be- and Sheridan is bearing most of his may be had. Hun- flower gardens and nurseries. It is a sons who affect a greater prosperity than news of the gossip of the neighbors and other four-footed creatures from dis- torn off, exposing the timber skeleton cause it does not become dirty so soon weight in his stirrups, with his legs dreds of acres of busy street, with electric cars rumbling is really theirs must be a good deal more neighborhood is as appealing to them as tant lands. river weed are to and from many points in the eastern wretched than people who are poor and to their more leisurely sisters. growing where land as far as Baltimore. There is also to their earning power. It is not so very of the neighborhood work and dutifully either clear water a heavy traffic of autos and horse-drawn distressing to visit this so-called poorer add their earnings to the family income. should shine or a vehicles. Far to the right you see com- section of Washington. Perhaps the peo- The girls are especially helpful in this park blossom. The westerly edge of this mons and the jail. At the bottom of the ple eat as heartily, satisfy as good apperespect. Young women of the colored park blossom. The westerly edge of this grade you have been descending there tites, sleep as soundly and get as much families go out "in service," and those great swamp is a scant two miles from stands on the left the District refuse cre-enjoyment out of their leisure as many of the white families follow various emthe Capitol, the verdant stretches of the matory, with a variety of debris, hunmarsh are visible from the dome and dreds of bales of waste paper, piles of the Goddess of Liberty, or the statue discarded tin, rags, boxes, barrels and the Goddess of Liberty, or the statue brick. The waste paper is sent to a pacookshop which the Rambler visited are outings and corner loafing are more conof Freedom, from her perch has been per mill, the tin is used in making win- very poor, judged by the Connecticut ave- genial that work to a high percentage, looking that way ever since she was dow-sash weights, the old cans are departed on the dome. She has seen the tinned and barrels are sold at greatly were very careless and unfashionable in the pick and shovel when they have picturesque and wholesome Anacostia reduced prices.

hilly shere of the Asylum grounds the tortuous stream and through . the

Pencote woods. All this has now green tangle.

filled in behind a river wall of rip-

rap topped with masonry similar to the

wall of Potomac park. A mighty crop of

With solid refuse the shore line here river choke up with the wastes of the has been built out 300 yards into the city and turn stagnant, green and scum- marsh. On the right hand the shore line my. Easterly winds carry the message has also been extended by a dump. For of the marshes to Congress. The Isthmus nearly half a mile your road is built of Panama is purified before the valley of aqueous plain. Your eye can follow it the Eastern branch. However, a good on the Washington side to Hickey run, and useful future is hoped for what are along the base of the hills on which the now the marshes of the Anacostia. Re- Industrial School stands and across the District line. On the east side of the clamation has made notable progress river the view of the waste extends bewest of the Anacostia bridge and re- youd the Benning race course, the Lickclamation eastward of it is on the pro- ing banks and over the District line. On your right hand the green and unpleasing vista extends beyond the railroad trestle and the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge. Ribbon grass, pickerel weed, From the ruins of the old Dent home on wild celery, cat-tails, flags and that wa-Giesboro point to the old Darling home- ter grass which botanists call potamastead on Popular point is a mile and a level rise here and there mounds suphalf. From a line connecting these points porting trees and wild shrubbery. the river extended south and east, form- After traveling this long causeway you ing a large shallow bay. The widest come to the short bridge which spans a part was from the foot of Pencote narrow, sluggish stream, all that is left to the line drawn from point to of the Anacostia river at this point. A point. The distance would be nearly half few boathouses and small boats are here, A long trestle of the Alexandria relics of a more prosperous past, and branch of the Baltimore and Ohio ran some folk, fishermen and hunters, like across this bay, keeping rather close to the sensation of guiding their craft along

mile, a gracefully curving rip-rap wall He was a half-grown colored youth and has been built and considerable filling a stranger in that part of the city where done. The width of the river he encountered the Rambler. He wanted between Poplar point and the bridge a dinner and he was looking for a cookaverages half a mile, but the retaining wall and fill and filling land extend far out from the south shore. From the would look for a restaurant. But this town at 9 o'clock for them. To eat break-older and settled men deny it, but the many of the pilgrims who stray that Anacostia bridge eastward as far as one young fellow was not looking for a fast at 6 o'clock is the ordinary thing. young men of today are not essentially way, can see all is a green waste with a narrestaurant or a cafe or a chop house or They carry their dinner in a tin bucket. different from the young men of yesterrow stream of water slowly, very slowly, a refectory or an ordinary. The first lunch. They are the men one sees dig- ably in favor of those of the present. Westward, and at this point the north You will obtain the widest view of this three words he had never used in his ging up and putting down street car The youths of this class are more in- and urban marsh by crossing what was the life and the last two he had never heard. tracks, building sewers, scraping out the terested in athletic sports and are less in-

the worst, season from the intersection of Maryland ave- away from home was a cookshop. buildings nue and 15th street, H street leads east. This gave the Rambler the idea to the city. part of the District and points in Mary- admit it and live on a scale proportional A large percentage of the young people persons who live in more pretentious ployments. The boys generally seem not neighborhoods.

not "hold positions." Some times they and disciplined to hard work were per- on the hillside above this road has been may have been you cannot guess, such jacent to the grounds rented,

tombless and graveless tract, is on the perous citizens, as well as to those per- doorsteps when the household chores The main way is the oiled road pass- The windows were broken out and Smithsonian grounds and Armory square, He has drawn his horse in so suddenly left hand. The street leads down grade sons who affect prosperity. And the idea have been done, and perhaps sometimes ing under the lea of Flagstaff hill partly boarded over in a rude way. have been given coats of brown wash, that the animal is nearly on his haunches

up to the standard of industry and reg-

bridge to the foot bridge opposite the teams. elk corral. It is a leaf-bowered walk and many men and maids and children

On the opposite or easterly side of the creek is a romantic old road, which the creek is a romantic old road, which the From an opening on the south side "A portion of Judiciary Square has Rambler was told is part of the original you look down about thirty feet into been rented for \$50 per month for the

HIS is the best, or river between Washington and Benning. The place for him to get a meal when foundation for new, or tearing down old light is in the Zoo or Rock Creek Park and is fringed with mature, though these park fences to be not painted, but stone bench. It is pleasant to sit there the worst, season From the intersection of Maryland ave- away from home was a cookshop.

The place for him to get a meal when foundation for new, or tearing down old light is in the Zoo or Rock Creek Park and is fringed with mature, though these park fences to be not painted, but stone bench. It is pleasant to sit there the worst, season From the intersection of Maryland ave- away from home was a cookshop. North of the handsome cement bridge Climbing the hill from the top of report made by Col. O. E. Babcock, in idan and his horse—perhaps it is Rienzi. of the shanty.

is a foot path leading from the quarry ... cambler of one of the men with the

"Do you-know who did live there?" "Nobody lived there. It was a ice "Whose ice house?"

From an opening on the south side get a "situation," but when they work haps as irresponsible in their youth as cut another soft and shady way used as a mass of debris having fallen into it. "During the year the reservation on Though the shack shown by the pic- 6th street has been rented to circus and ends of the square. Inside the wickets ture is rectangular it sets over the top menagerie companies and the money has scarlet sage is growing and about the of a great and wide vertical bore in been in part donated to the Soldiers and vase circles park benches are arranged.

> or when or why abandoned, the Rambler could not learn from those men who were cutting down the hill.

> > Stewart Castle's Site.

ONE of the forlorn-looking spots of the capital is that on the northwest of Dupont Circle between Connecticut and Massachusetts avenues, where Stewart Castle stood until it became a Washington landmark. The big gray house, as all Washington knows, was torn down several years ago, and its site has remained vacant.

It is a weedy spot. The blue blossoms of the chicory plant lend their color in an effort to make the place look cheerful, but the effort is vain. Chicory, despite its pretty flowers, is a weed of scrawny habit and unattractive growth. No doubt it would be capable of better things if rightly trained, but chicory in its present mode of living is a pest. Over the place mellilot grows a-tangle. That mel-Rambler believes without taking the time to look it up in Gray or Britton or Ward, is not so bold and ungovernable as its wayward sister the white. However there must be something sweet even about this white, common, back-lot mellilot, because the bees, who are connoisseurs on Sweet mellilot has its uses, but then, perhaps the white mellilot believes itself useful in covering vacant and neglected city lots with green.

Young poplars the size of shrubs and big beeches, whose trunks are carved young elms are growing in this dreary and scarred with many initials, dates, spot, offsprings of nearby street trees. Ailanthus is coming on. Ailanthus always will come on in Washington if given a chance, and sometimes it does not Rock Creek Park follow this beauti- even need the chance, but comes on any-

Much of this unfortunate lot is taken up by a shallow pit walled around with day afternoons a procession of the autodisintegrating brickwork which was the foundation of Stewart Castle. Cracked and ruinous brownstone steps lead to this shallow pit, which was the basement of one of the early fine houses of the town. In the weedy tangle growing in the pit are various forms of city debris. Part of the cement paving in front of where the house stood is broken. It is Ar the corner of 23d and N streets the street grade there having been low-toward M street, saw men with horses the street grade there having been low-ered last spring. Around the lot is an old iron picket fence, the easterly line of toward M street, saw men with horses it having small square wooden posts. The and scrapers cutting away the top of fence is awry, and an iron gate, not a hill which rose about thirty feet closed, hangs, out of plumb, on its rough, broad-leaf burdock grows along On that hill was an old and abandoned the paving line at the bottom of this

Renting Public Grounds.

and the reflection of the sun is not so straight and stiff and without any knee-On the creek side of this fine drive "Anybody live there?" asked the glaring and uncomfortable during the hot grip on his horse. A great many good days of summer." Another practice of the office of public men. buildings and grounds at that time which But leading from the street to the would seem strange to the public of the seats around the statue no walk has been present was the letting out of government laid across the green turf of the circle grounds for sundry purposes and turning But neither is a "Keep Off the Grass"

the rental money over to charity. In sign displayed there. the same report which treated of the "Don't know. Go over and look down relative merits of brown wash and white wash for park fences was this:

Sailors' Orphan Asylum and the Children's Around the bowl of each vase is a girdle What ice house it was, why circular Hospital, the latter being a benevolent of large human forms in high relief. The

Vases in Lafayette Square. the matter of dress. If they work, they sewn their wild oats. The middle-aged hill, where the elk live, on the right, with brick. It gives you the impresmated to the Women's Christian Associavases in Lafayette Square. They are inget up early to reach their jobs. They do and old laborers now so steady, regular This road is used as a horse path, but sion of a gigantic well. How deep it tion, which occupies the buildings ad- teresting. Each stands on a granite base in a circle at the east and west

sculptors are probably indifferent horse-



A VASE IN LAFAYETTE PARK.

Resting at Sheridan's Statue.

idan statue, but may transgress the all is a graceful spreading palm law if you do. It is a fine place to rest ton navy yard in 1871 or 1872. In the

Six cream-colored stone steps lead to executed and an honor alike to the gov-

Some of the figures are dancing, some These vases were cast at the Wash

RUINED HOUSE ON 23D STREET.

clined to drunkenness and rowdyism and then climbs up, passing along by

The Rambler talked with the people who ran this cookshop. They talked freely of the high cost of living.

than their fathers were at the same age.

It was in a section of the city where

hese poor but satisfied people live

that the Rambler entered a cookshop.

t was the restaurant and the delica-

essen of the neighborhood. Before the

front window was a tall board on

which was painted the bill of food and

the schedule of charges. The list was:

Pigsfeet, 5-7. Pigs Tail, 5.

Chittlings. 5.

Ham and Eggs. 10 Bacon and Eggs, 10.

Liver and Onions,

Crabs, two for 5.

Pork and Beans, 5. Beef Stew, 5. Cabbage, 5. Kale and Bacon, 10.

Where All Autos Pass.

riding population of Washington it "An old and humble home of the neighcould best be done at the Rock Creek borhood about to be displaced by new ford, near the north end of the Zoo brick houses" was a reasonable de- IT was not many years ago that the grounds, or at the crossing of the ways duction. at the east end of the Rock Creek That part of the city seems once to closed with wooden fences. The step ber of persons do sit there to rest and to ite pedestals in Lafayette Square. They bridge, at Pierce's Mill. The time have been higher than now. In some from the wooden fence to that of iron be entertained by the spectacle. Hand- were cast through the kindness of the

Ruined Icehouse.

south drive crosses it. Through

hearts and arrows, till it passes out of

the Zoo at Klingle road and into Rock

Thousands of autos bound in and out

ful road through the Zoo and here under

the depressed way one will see on Sun-

mobile population of Washington.

The water of the ford is churned white

and foamy by the whirring wheels, there is a blue fog of gasoline smoke and a

trees where the creek races over

above the level of the adjacent streets. wrenched and rusty hinges. F any one should be interested in house built of timber and covered with fence. making a census of the automobile- rotting shingles and heavy gray boards.

chosen should be a pleasant Sunday places the streets have steep banks was a decided one. Very little of the some benches have been provided, but to Hon. George M. Robeson, Secretary of on the sides and a few frame houses iron fencing survives. Then came the occupy them one must walk across the the Navy, at the brass foundry of the have at their fronts dizzy wooden post-and-chain barrier, which one may green and to get back to the streets you On a still, clear, warm night one may have at their fronts dizzy wooden post-and-chain barrier, which one may grass, and to get back to the streets you seven feet high and weigh some thirteen see a whirling stream of autos, with stairways leading from street to door. still see around a number of reservations, must also walk across the grass. lights glowing, in Potomac Park, but This is the case with 23d between M and latest came the cement coping. the place to see Washington autos and and N. Twenty-third street is un- It was an early practice of the office of the stone-paved plaza of the monument, ernment workshops and the mechanic

autoists in greatest number and in day- paved, but it has cement sidewalks public buildings and grounds to cause In each of the corners of the plaza is a who constructed them.'

VOU can sit at the base of the Sher- reds and yellows and greens, and topping in the evening and watch the fashionable latter year the officer in charge of pub-traffic that rolls around the circle and up lic buildings and grounds reported that public parks of Washington were in- and down Massachusetts avenue. A num- "two beautiful bronze vases, copies of an

PRESIDENT WILSON HOLDS DOWN A GREAT VARIETY OF ODD POSITIONS

Few People Know That His Inauguration Last Spring Placed Him at the Head of Various Institutions—For Example, He Is President of the Red Cross Organization, Which Succors the Suffering; an Officer of the Smithsonian Institution; Manager of National Home for Veterans: President of National Monument Society; Regent of Boy Scouts and Patron of Columbia Institution for the Deaf.



N the matter of holding down a va- nation. riety of jobs the

The President, like his predecessors, is using two-cent stamps at the rate of between three and five thousand a year in declining the honor of joining various organizations. Almost every association from the Ibsen Literary Club of Ishpeming to the Veteran Onion Pickers' Association of Oshkosh besought him for permission to use his name as president ex officio at the head of its stationery. But such honors are uniformly declined by Mr. Wilson. It is an unwritten rule at the White House that the President shall not join private or sectional organizations

when it is impossible for him to give hi

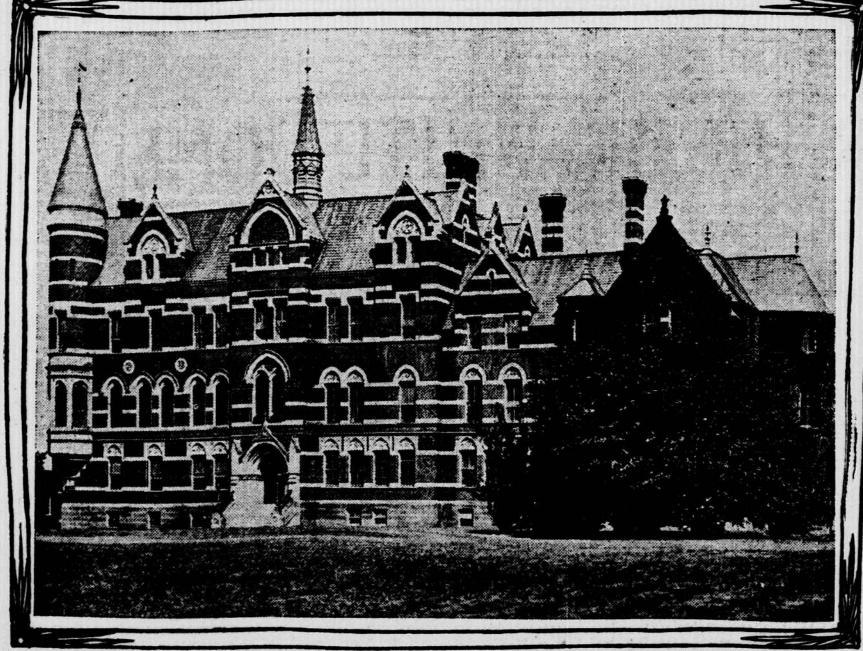
attention or time to them.

There are certain jobs, however, which the President does not decline. Precedent has made them perquisites of the presidency. First among these is the presidency of the American National Red Cross, an association which reaches around the world. Mr Wilson by virtue of his office became president ex officio of this society, and will automatically retire from the office when he leaves the White House, after which he will retain the title of honorary president of the organization.

"The American National Red Cross," said Miss Mabel Boardman, the active head of the society, "is primarily an organization to render speedy succor when great accidents or disasters have paralyzed a community. Such an organization as this must essentially be of a national scope and character. It cannot be in any sense a private organization. An appeal to the people should be made by the head of the people-the leading officer of the

"Therefore, in time of flood or fire or President of the mine explosion or railway wreck, or United States has where any great cataclysm has occurred, Bigh beatine to the proverbial frazile.

Weadrow Wilson, who will be remembered in history as a mo ng the most of the American People designed to the Server was special to a mo ng the area of our creatile of the American People designed to the Modern Wilson, as president wilson, as pr the pompous Poo it is necessary that the President issue an



several branches scattered throughout num each, they would represent ideal ly humorous in considerable work from time to time, crats who have been starving around tions of a frankly convivial spirit Boards of governors from the differ- Washington these hot summer days. ent homes, officers of the national organization, all possessed of plans for this and that, appear now and then at the White House for conferences. In which would be about the greatest asset was a good fellow, and as the society that any organization could have the president to be one of the mere days.

Hundreds of organizations would will-them. One organization in its formal request for the President to be one of the mere use of his name, ship explained that as the President to be one of the mere use of his name, ship explained that as the President to be one of the mere use of his name, ship explained that as the President to be one of the mere use of his name, ship explained that as the President to be one of the mere use of his name, ship explained that as the President to be one of the mere use of his name. this way the President is kept in direct that any organization could have. It would was exclusively for good fellows. the touch with the conditions of our vet-eran soldiers everywhere. This is a peal for support that could be made to help when a congressman comes in and the representative people of any com-To all of these requests Secretary shows a disposition to weep all over munity. For this reason Secretary Jo- Tumulty dictates a polite individual the White House appointments because seph Tumulty exerts the greatest care in reply, explaining the precedents which old Private Bill Bazoop hasn't had his considering the applications of different render it inadvisable for the President pension doubled. The President can associations for the honor of the Presi- to join and expressing regret that he in a short time locate Bill, determine his status and know whether the ap- the President's name. peal is reasonable or not.

States, Woodrow Wilson made himself as to accept one of these he would president of the Washington National undoubtedly be swamped within a Monument Association. This job is week. It is this danger rather than a litical and Social Science, the American Historical Association and the American Monument Association. This job is week. It is this danger rather than a litical and Social Science, the American Academy of Poequated, for sortness, only by that of the prevents the President from holding chusetts Historical Association. century plants. Each of our recent "Some of the invitations are decided- (Copyright, 1913, by John Effreth Watkins.) Presidents has accepted the honor blushingly, and has retired from the presidency of the society possessed of only a hazy idea that he has been south of the White House.

also become one of the regents of the luncheon at Chevy Chase: dent Wilson has never been much of a doctor's.

"There are constant appeals," said which President Wilson now retains Secretary Tumulty, "from many or- membership are the learned societies ganizations which are apparently of of international repute. Among these By becoming President of the United But if the President should go so far Letters, the American Academy of Po-

equaled, for softness, only by that of the any actual disinclination to join that a corresponding member of the Massa-

Not Satisfying.

investigate such firms as reduce salaries liked: By virtue of his office the President has on account of the new tariff, said at a "The prophecy that was made about

Boy Scout movement. This organization, "It won't be very comforting to one world-wide in its scope, has benefited who has voted for a lower tariff to find said of him: much by the patronage of the President, that in consequence 10 or 20 per cent is perfect prodigy, in fact. He remembers and it has become the ambition of the cut from his wages. And the explanation every tune he hears.'

and it has become the ambition of the cut from his wages. And the explanation every tune he hears.'

"Well, well!" said a plantst who was different camps to visit Washington and given him-lower tariff, lower pay-will call upon their distinguished leader. Presi- be about as satisfactory as the quack present.

wild west character, but he nevertheless holds the honorary title of scoutmaster, and has confided to friends that he believes that he could make good in a every Saturday night. The roast was successful composer."

the country. In this capacity he does sinecures for the original Wilson demo- societies, fraternities and organiza-

About the only organizations in

A Musical Plagiarist.

the official custodian of the majestic SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RED- VICTOR HERBERT, the composer, said obelisk which stands 555 feet in air SFIELD, apropos of his purpose to

this chap in his boyhood has come true. "In his boyhood, you know, his mother "'Oh, he's such a remarkable child. A faculty?' his mother asked.